

## A VERDICT OF NOT GUILTY.

Andrew Atkins Was Acquitted in the Criminal Court Yesterday

## FOR THE KILLING OF MARY BENCHLEY

Other Court Matters—Damages Asked for Alleged Personal Injuries.

It took the jury something less than two hours yesterday to bring in a verdict of "not guilty" in the case of Andrew Atkins, charged with being an accessory before the fact in the killing of Mary Benchley, at her home in the Fifth ward last January. The hearing of testimony was concluded during the forenoon and the argument, being at once commenced, was finished late in the evening. The jury deliberated until shortly before 7 o'clock and returned the verdict noted above. Atkins exhibited a great deal of pleasure when the result was announced.

Mrs. Maggie A. Archer yesterday filed an application in the county court asking for the probate of the will of William P. Archer, lately deceased. The estate is valued at \$14,000 and the widow is made the sole executrix and executrix without bond. The document is witnessed by J. E. Sams, E. Batton and John Moorey.

The jury in the case of Fannie Williams vs. John Yates, which has been on trial before Judge Wilson for several days past, was discharged yesterday, having been unable to agree on a verdict.

R. Murphy yesterday filed suit against the Galveston, Houston and Henderson Railway company for damages in the sum of \$1000, alleging personal injuries as a result of a defective part of the mechanism of a hand car on which the plaintiff was at work. The accident is alleged to have occurred on the 27th of last August.

## Fifty-fifth Civil District Court.

The following business was transacted before Judge Tod yesterday:

Fannie Williams vs. John Yates et al.; jury unable to agree and mistrial entered. W. A. Long vs. F. C. Colby; leave to defendant to file first amended original answer. N. M. Wright et al. vs. Ben Franklin; judgment for defendant on their cross bill. W. W. Threlkeld et al. vs. Harriet Blum; leave to plaintiff to file first amended original petition. Thomas Hollis vs. Southern Pacific company; judgment by agreement for plaintiff for \$150.

## Probate Court.

The following orders were entered in the county court yesterday:

Estate of W. A. and Henry Meyer, minors; W. S. Napier, applicant for letters of guardianship. Mary Nibel, deceased; application of John D. Nibel for appointment of appraisers of the community estate of his deceased wife, Mary Nibel, heard and granted.

## Suits for Civil District Courts.

The following suits for the civil district courts were filed yesterday:

R. Murphy vs. Galveston, Houston and Henderson Railroad Company; damages in the sum of \$1000.

City of Houston vs. A. C. Baker; tax debt \$12 and foreclosure on lots 2, part 6, 7, 12, block 255, south side Buffalo bayou.

City of Houston vs. Rebecca Noble; tax debt \$12.40 and foreclosure on lots 5 and 9, block 77, Baker addition, south side Buffalo bayou.

City of Houston vs. Louis Oliver; tax debt \$110 and foreclosure on lots 1 and 10, block 222, south side Buffalo bayou.

City of Houston vs. Rachel Welmore and Unknown; heirs of Rachel Welmore; tax debt \$25.50 and foreclosure on lots 1 and 2, block 29, Handcock addition, south side Buffalo bayou.

Ex parte C. Chester Cox; for removal of disabilities of minority.

Maria Francis, joined pro forma by her husband, Edward L. Francis, vs. David Flemming and Thomas Flemming, minors; partition lots 3 and 4, block 421, Baker addition, north side Buffalo bayou.

City of Houston vs. W. N. Stevens; tax debt \$12.60 and foreclosure on lot 1, block 46, Noble addition, north side Buffalo bayou.

Bonnie N. McCraven vs. N. C. Munger and Blanche G. Munger; debt \$1500 and foreclosure of lien and deed of trust on lots 9, 10 and part of 11, block 402, south side Buffalo bayou.

## Real Estate Transfers.

The following real estate transfers were filed yesterday:

W. W. Price to Joe Collins, lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20, Hull's subdivision, block 22, L. B. Swiney addition, north side Buffalo bayou. \$1,000.

Miller Washington and wife to J. H. Burnett, the west half of lots 4, 5 and north half of west half of lot 3, block 354, south side Buffalo bayou, other considerations. \$3,800.

Annio E. Sutton and husband, W. S. to J. M. Lee, lots 5 and 6, block 29, Fair Grounds addition. \$6,300.

J. W. Gillies and wife, Agnes, to W. E. Ellis, 2758 square feet of land in John Woodward survey. 700.

William Suggert to W. E. Ellis, half of lot 10 and part of lot 11, block 177, south side Buffalo bayou. 25.

The Grant Investment Company to J. E. Johnson, lots 22 and 23, in the Christopher Walker survey. 250.

Salie S. Ashe and husband, R. G. to James McOne, one-half of lot 12, and adjoining parts lots 6, 7 and 8, block 177, south side Buffalo bayou. 1,800.

## Marriage Licenses.

Licenses to wed were issued to the following persons during the week just past:

D. Herbert McLeod and Miss Percy Jones.

H. M. Hattel and Miss Julia Reynolds.

A. P. Wims and Miss Daisy L. Prince.

G. H. Anderson and Miss Fannie Queen.

W. A. Blackshear and Miss Alice Robinson.

Albert A. Raech and Miss Emma Marie Raech.

John Greenhalgh and Miss Orie Viola Reed.

A. Clemens and Emma Taylor.

Albert Robert and Miss Amy McKinney.

Geropha Lee and Stella Ray.

Charles Holmes and Bertha Perrott.

George Williams and Alice Price.

M. Harrison and Miss Sarah Ella Freeman.

## FROM BRUNNER.

Ladies Moving for a Church Building—Notes.

On Wednesday afternoon last the Methodist ladies of Brunner assembled at Synagogue hall to organize for church work, and recently to take steps to build a church of worship. Organization was proceeding the election of the following of-

licers: Mrs. Charles Green, president; Mrs. R. L. Archer, vice president; Miss Josie Robinson, secretary; Mrs. M. E. Post, treasurer.

A plan was adopted to raise funds to construct a Methodist church, and already good results are following. Next Wednesday at the same place at 4 p. m. another meeting will be held and a name selected for the society. All the members of which are zealous workers. The president requests The Post to announce that all ladies of the community (especially those belonging to the Methodist denomination) who are interested in the work in hand, are invited to join in the movement. Brunner has no house of worship, and this effort on the part of the good ladies will doubtless meet with a prompt recognition from those whom they propose to ask to assist them. No suburban adjunct to Houston is said to be building up as rapidly as this, and of course churches, schools and other moralizing institutions are bound to follow the advent of good citizens.

Tomorrow night at the hall of the Garden Verein those interested in securing a system of water works for the town will discuss the matter. Several propositions have been suggested but no decided action taken. All taxpayers and citizens should be at the meeting and help arrange a scheme for securing water supply.

Mrs. P. C. Hoebel and children are expected home from the Dallas fair this evening.

Mr. Alex Neece's new home has been commenced and the frame work is now raised.

The new house of Mr. Charles Green, on the corner of Wood street and Brunner avenue, is assuming shape.

Funeral services will be held at the usual hour this morning, and church service will follow at 10:30.

## Arion Quartette.

Among the many musical organizations which have existed in Houston there has not for many years been one which has gained so much favor with the public as the Arion quartette under the direction of Henry C. Bricker.

This quartette has recently been reorganized, with the substitution of Dr. Perkins in the place of George B. Griggs.

They have been spending much time and labor practicing during the last two months and will tonight conclude the series of the First Presbyterian church, where the director, Henry C. Bricker, is organist. They will furnish the music at the night service every Sunday during the coming fall and winter.

## Died in Curo.

Mrs. Mary Ann Hudson, wife of Hon. L. Hudson of Texas City, Miss., died at the home of her sister, Mrs. Martha Mallory, while on a visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudson came to Texas recently, intending to make Houston their future home, and while there, Mrs. W. I. Hudson, the mother of the deceased, died at a home of her own aged parents were spending the interim with relatives in Curo, where the estimable lady passed away in the presence of her husband, Mr. W. R. Hudson, and sister, Mrs. Mallory.

Mr. J. L. Hudson and his mother, Mrs. W. I. Hudson, will leave this morning to attend the obsequies, which will occur at Victoria.

## The Lords Club Ball.

The committee of the Lords Cycle club has been busy for several nights sending out invitations for their mass ball to take place at Turner hall on October 28. All members having other names are requested to submit them to the committee for attention as soon as possible.

The committee is actively at work and will leave nothing undone to make the first grand ball of the Lords Cycle club one long to be remembered.

## FASHIONABLE MILLINERY.

The millinery opening of William L. Foley the past week marked the first appearance before a critical public of many beautiful creations of art.

Hats in the most gorgeous velvets, with small plumes and flowers were to be seen. Fashion was never more in vogue than as they are seen to go through the gate into the store, and who as a general rule, are not only well-to-do, but well-dressed.

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The above is simply a record of those who come and work for what they get. Then, in addition, there have been a number of sick, crippled or otherwise disabled applicants, who have been furnished meals and beds, of which no account has been kept, and which, it is believed, will be a much greater number than those who are mentioned in the above.

The following figures will give some idea of the volume of business being done. On Monday, October 1, the total income was \$117.37, on October 1, a period of just five months, the assets were \$125 and the liabilities \$125. The total income has been \$243.99, as follows:

Set of wood material \$1,457.25  
Per work ..... 778.55  
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Total ..... \$2,723.05

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The grand success of this work, as manifested by the above report, is very largely due to the help of the many friends who have been so generous in their contributions.

On August 2, 1897, and ever since then the work has been progressing in a way that it would have taken an entire year to do in any other way, because everything looked discouraging at that time, but the little, smiling captain is not only energetic and persevering, but has that peculiar tact about him which makes an otherwise successful business man a success in his own way.

Those with whom he has to do, hence success follows him wherever he goes. He has been an officer in the army, and a member of the navy, and has been in the army and navy for some time.

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## SALVATION ARMY SHELTER.

Statement Embracing Work During Last Five Months.

## FINANCIAL SUCCESS OF THE PROJECT

The Shelter and Wood Yard Has Been of Assistance to Many. Captain McKenzie.

The Salvation Army food and shelter depot and wood yard is no longer a fancy dream and a visionary scheme, but a reality. It has been tried and proved and found to be a grand success in the city of Houston. This shelter and wood yard means work for the unemployed, food for the hungry and a home (temporarily) for the homeless.

Let us take a look for a moment at the condition of many an unfortunate, destitute creature, the specimen of a man, made in the image of God and endowed with faculties and talents, that if put to good use, would be a mighty agency for good in the world. Perhaps, through a chain of unfortunate circumstances, or maybe carelessness and shiftlessness on the part of the individual, he comes to the point of utter despair. Perhaps he is hungry, and maybe he has not slept in

the shelter of a roof for several weeks. He asks for something to eat and a place to stay until he can better his condition.

General Booth says in "In Darkest England," page 134: "I propose to take that man, put a strong arm around him and extricate him from the mire in which he is all but suffocated. As a first step we will say to him: 'You are hungry, here is food; you are homeless, here is a shelter for your head; but remember, you must work for your rations. This is not charity, it is work for the workless help for those who can not help themselves.'"

"I do not wish," he continues—page 135—"to have any hand in establishing a new center of demoralization. I do not want my customers to be pauperized by being treated to something that they do not earn. To develop self-respect in the man, to make him feel that at last he has got his foot on the ladder, that he is not a beggar, is a vital importance, and this can not be done unless the baron from him and his family is carried out, so much food, shelter, etc., for so much work."

This will encourage the man to thrift and self-reliance at least, and a result will be the relief of the community or city of being burdened and continually annoyed by a class of people who are a nuisance to the community as they are seen to go through the gate into the yard, and who as a general rule, are not only well-to-do, but well-dressed.

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varied from \$15 to \$50 per acre, according to the different wideness.

One obstacle in the way of a favorable settlement for the State in this case is the fact that some years ago the State paid \$150 per acre for ten acres of this group for the erection of the monument for the dead.

## FAIR GROUND TAXPAYERS.

They Will Petition the Council for Some Desired Sewerage.

At the meeting of the Fair Grounds Tax Payers' association Friday night there was a large and enthusiastic gathering of representative property owners of that section.

A strong petition was drawn up to the city council asking that hook for extension of sewerage from Hadley avenue out through the fair grounds, asking that the association be advised as to the cost of putting down the main and the cost of connection of the east, if any, would be required of the lot owners along the line of such main; also praying the council to abandon the idea of running a small sewer pipe from Main street to the new Fanning school house and appropriate the money to be expended in the laying of the small main to said school building to the laying of regular sized pipe or main direct from Hadley through the fair grounds and to the school building.

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